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## ENTOMBED FOR THREE WEEKS IN A MINE.



Fourteen men were yesterday brought up from the Courrières Mine, where they have been entombed since the catastrophe three weeks ago. They had kept themselves alive on food left by their dead comrades and on oats from the horses' stables. Photograph shows gendarmes guarding the pit-head.

## ACCIDENT TO MARQUIS



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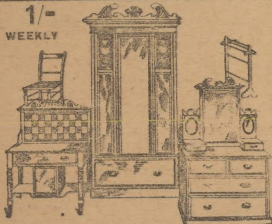
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## RESCUED FROM THE TOMB.

Fourteen Men Found Alive in  
the Lens Mine.

## AFTER THREE WEEKS.

Survivors Live on Oats, Wood, and  
Horseflesh.

## GRAPHIC NARRATIVE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LENS, Friday Night.—A thrill of horror and astonishment ran through the whole mining district around here this morning when it became known that fourteen miners had been rescued alive from No. 2 pit of the Courrières mine after being entombed 600 feet below the earth for nineteen days and nineteen nights.

The news was so stupefying that everybody refused at first to believe it, but gradually the particulars became known. It was at eight o'clock this morning that a party of explorers, consisting of the Paris firemen and three German firemen, heard some faint shouts at the end of a gallery.

They stood still for a while in amazement. They could not believe that a living soul remained in the dark abyss. But the voices were heard again, and the explorers had to accept the evidence of their own senses. They advanced along the gallery, and the sound of the voices grew more and more distinct.

### THREE SHADOWS OF MEN.

After pulling away a wooden boarding and clearing a mass of fallen debris the explorers came on three men, or rather three shadows of men, gaunt, famished, wild-eyed, with matted hair and their fallen cheeks black with coal dust. These spectres at once fell on the necks of the explorers in a fit of hysterical weeping. But even their emotion was less than that of the rescuers themselves. For several minutes they were quite unmanned, and trembled more than the unhappy miners they had just saved from a living death.

Speech had almost left the entombed men, but at length they explained that further along the gallery there were eleven others of their number. The explorers pursued their way, and found these other men, just as gaunt, as hunger-stricken, and wretched as the first three.

Then, with slow and staggering steps, the rescued followed the rescuers on the path to light and air. They arrived safely at the shaft, and were soon once more under the canopy of the open sky. When they saw the light the memory of their sufferings seemed to come back with tenfold force. They shook like the aspen leaf and wept like children.

### NINETEEN DAYS UNDER GROUND.

They could not speak a connected sentence or return a relevant answer to a question put to them. They pointed, however, to one of their number, a man named Henri Nemy, as their guide and leader during the terrible nineteen days under the ground.

I saw this man Nemy, who had just embraced his father. He is a man of intelligent face and determined expression—the kind of man to whom others would naturally turn in an emergency. Horrors such as those the miners had experienced would destroy the nerve of the boldest, and even Nemy was unable to give a connected story. Piecing together his broken and wandering remarks, however, it was apparent that when the explosion occurred the fourteen men were in a distant part of the mine.

Recognising what had happened, and knowing the mortal peril in which they stood from the noxious fumes, they took refuge in a small stable close by. From this stable was a small air-shaft leading to one of the upper galleries. Here they found several cans of water and some bread belonging to the men who had gone down the pit an hour before, bringing their dinners with them.

### HARBOUR OF REFUGE.

For two days the little stable was a perfect harbour of refuge. The men dare not leave it, for all round was the heat and smoke of a fiery furnace. Blasts of scorching air, clouds of blinding, suffocating vapour were swept through the galleries, and in them no human being could have lived.

In the little stable, however, there was still enough air to support life, and there the fourteen survivors stayed, waiting for death or deliverance.

At the end of the second day, as the smoke had abated a little, they tried to make their way out of the mine under the leadership of Nemy. They began to advance in the direction of the nearest pit. But cruel disappointment was in store. As they approached the pit they were beaten back by the hot air, and they could see great flames in the distance. It was an inferno.

Another direction was taken—this time towards Shaft No. 10. The men, weak with hunger and

fatigue, painfully groped their way along the stifling galleries, only to find that progress was stopped by heavy fallen debris, which entirely blocked the gallery. Despair and gloom settled on the party, but Nemy encouraged them, and the weary search for an outlet was renewed.

The miners wandered about thus day after day. Here and there they encountered dismal reminders of their own probable fate in the shape of dead bodies. In one place they saw sixty all huddled together, struck down as they stood by the awful explosion.

Other more welcome finds were occasionally made in the shape of food—dinners of the men who had been killed. But this supply only lasted a few days. Then they were reduced to terrible straits, both for food and water. Some oats found in the stables sufficed them for two days. Then they had to feed on the putrefying carcase of a horse. Finally, even straw, the bark of the timber baulks used to shore up the galleries, and even handfuls of earth were swallowed to satisfy the cravings of Nature. Even more horrible were the sufferings from want of water.

### TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

An occasional gust of air passing through the galleries brought sufficient oxygen to enable them to sustain life.

Some of the unfortunate men had to be taken to the hospital. But one case is a dangerous state. The others will recover. It is a marvellous thing that creatures of flesh and blood could endure such horrors without perfect wreck of mind and body.

As it is, though very weak, most of the men are likely to be themselves again in a week or two. They felt the severity of the cold morning after their long absence from the light and fresh air, and had to be carefully wrapped in rugs.

## EIGHT LIVING MEN STILL BELOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LENS (later).—The rescued men are agreed in stating that there are at least eight of their comrades living below.

They state that in their long wanderings in the galleries, where they often doubled on their own tracks, these eight men drifted away from them and were lost.

The efforts of the rescuing parties are being redoubled, and all the galleries of the Josephine seam are being searched with feverish activity.

Some of the miners are furious that so many days have been wasted, as they say, in fighting the fire, that might have been better spent in searching for missing miners.

Nemy, the leader of the rescued band, retains perfect lucidity of mind, and on arriving at the surface, asked for his father, a little white-haired old man. The meeting of these two was one of the most pathetic incidents that has occurred during the course of the disaster.

### MARVELLOUS VITALITY.

The doctors enjoined on Nemy the strictest silence, but the man would keep on talking.

"They will let us go home, I hope?" he said. "I'm all right. I want to go home. You see, M. le Directeur, that I recognise you, and that I am quite in my senses. My wife comes from Grenoble, as you do, and I knew your secretary, M. Gardon, in Spain."

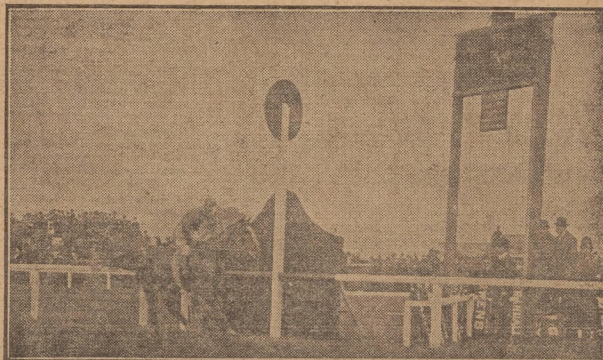
Nemy had at last to be spoken to severely before he would be quiet.

The other men were so dazed that they could not return coherent answers to any question. They could only shield their eyes from the daylight, dazing to the sight that had known nothing but darkness for so long.

So far the men are going on as well as can be expected.

Milk is their only diet, excepting, in one or two instances, in which so extreme is the exhaustion, that small doses of coffee have to be administered.

## GERMAN OWNER WINS THE GRAND NATIONAL.



By ten lengths Prince Hatzfeldt's Acotie's Silver, ridden by the Hon. Aubrey Hastings, won the Grand National Steeplechase yesterday at Liverpool, defeating a field of twenty-two horses, only eight of whom finished the course. Another photograph of the race appears on page 14.

## RESULT OF LEICESTER ELECTION.

Mr. Thomasson Returned by a Largely  
Reduced Majority.

Polling took place yesterday for the parliamentary vacancy at Leicester, caused by the retirement of Mr. Broadhurst, and the result was declared late last night, Mr. F. Thomasson being elected by a majority of 3,560.

The Leicester poll was as follows:—

Franklin Thomasson (L.) ..... 10,768  
Sir John Rolleston (U.) ..... 7,206

Liberal majority ..... 3,560  
The figures for the polling in January last were:—

H. Broadhurst (L.) ..... 14,745  
J. R. Macdonald (L.R.C.) ..... 14,695  
Sir J. F. L. Rolleston (U.) ..... 7,504

Liberal majority ..... 7,241  
It will be seen, therefore, that the Liberal majority has been reduced by nearly 4,000 votes.

## BRITISH SAILOR EXTINCT.

Merchant Captain's Excuse for Employing a Crew  
of Thieving Aliens.

The captain of a British merchantman admitted in Ramsgate Police Court yesterday that foreign sailors were utterly unsatisfactory. He added, however, that he could not get a crew of English sailors, as "the race had died out."

The case was one in which two Estonian sailors, natives of Finland, were charged with theft of goods exposed by a Ramsgate shopkeeper for sale.

The cases were proved, and the Russian Consul at Ramsgate, Mr. Hammond, J.P., pleaded in extenuation that the prisoners were tempted by the shopkeeper, who displayed goods on the pavement without properly guarding them.

Prisoners were sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

The chairman said they would be recommended to the Secretary of State for deportation. It was, he continued, a danger to life and property that half the crew of a British ship, as was proved in the case under notice, should be foreigners who did not understand the commands and were not capable seamen.

A law should be passed to make such things impossible, and he hoped such a statute would soon be in operation.

## LADY MARY'S WINNING LETTER.

Appeal to the Eye Electors To Vote for Her  
Intended Husband.

The following letter from Lady Mary Hamilton is being circulated among the electors of Eye:—  
"My Friends and Neighbours,—You will have heard that I am engaged to be married to Lord Graham, who, as you know, is contesting the Eye Division.

"I am sure you will be able to understand how very anxious my mother and myself are that he should win the election, and how happy I shall be to do so. Will you do me a great favour and help me by giving him your vote?"

"When Lord Graham and I are married we shall hope to fill the same place in your affections as he did, and it will be our constant endeavour to make your interests our interests."

## TWO GOVERNMENT SURRENDERS.

Lord Elgin Apologises for Applying  
the Veto to Natal.

## LABOUR PARTY TRIUMPH.

Yesterday was a momentous day for the strongest Liberal Government of modern times. In two important matters they retraced steps they had taken, or, as the phrase has it, they "climbed down."

The Natal Government had resigned in consequence of interference by the Colonial Office, and this so startled the Government that no time was lost in making such overtures as disposed the Natal Premier to reconsider his resignation.

The other "climb down" related to the Trades Disputes Bill. This was brought on by the Attorney-General two days ago. The Labour M.P.s frankly denounced it as a shuffling and inadequate measure.

Yesterday the Labour Party produced a Bill after their own hearts on the same subject. It covered all the ground the Government measure had avoided, especially placing trade unions above the law. The Government accepted it, though not calling it their own.

The vital difference between the two Trades Disputes Bills is shown as under:—

GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL. No act shall be made the ground of claim against trade union funds unless that act has been authorised by the executive committee of the union or of some person acting by their authority.

LABOUR PARTY'S PROPOSAL. An action shall not be brought against a trade union for the recovery of damages sustained by any person or persons by reason of the action of such trade union.

In a House tense with expectancy "C.B." rose. The Bill was not an unfamiliar one, he observed, a bitter laugh from the Tories greeting this little piece of pawky humour. He voted for the Bill before, and saw no reason under the sun why he shouldn't repeat the vote. (Triumphant Radical and Labour cheers.)

### AIR BECAME ELECTRIC.

As Mr. Wyndham pounced excitedly to the table the air became electric. In heated voice and manner he went for "C.B."

He had heard the Premier's speech with "blank amazement!"—(Fierce shouts of indignation came from the Tory benches.)—The Government had apparently been guilty of an act of "stupid provocation" towards the Labour Party.

Mr. Wyndham's face flamed with heat. "Three sections of the Cabinet had taken part in mixing the salad, and when the bowl was prepared a fourth came and threw it out of the window."

"You are trifling with the House," said the member for Dover, scowling at the Premier across the table. "You have broken faith with us! To protest against Parliament being degraded to the level of complaisance, vacillation, and surrender in which the Government delight, I move the adjournment of the House."

The adjournment motion was then taken and defeated by 370 to 66, and subsequently the second reading was carried by 416 to 66.

### APOLOGY TO NATAL.

The Natal "climb down" was explained by the Earl of Elgin in the House of Lords.

Replying to a question by Earl Cawdor, his lordship read a lengthy telegram which he had received from the Governor of Natal explaining the circumstances under which twelve natives had been sentenced to death for the murder of police officers and the reasons which induced the Colonial Ministry to resign.

He stated that in answer to this a telegram was dispatched to the Governor of Natal acknowledging the conclusive manner in which the guilt of each of the prisoners had been established, and stating that his Majesty's Government at no time had any intention of interfering with the action of the responsible Government of Natal, but they were satisfied that in all the circumstances, and in view of the presence of British troops, his Majesty's Government were in duty bound to obtain precise information in regard to these martial law cases.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The Militia have been called out at Winnipeg in consequence of disturbances arising out of the strike of tramway men.

A device is being patented in New York to enable railway engine-drivers to communicate by telephone with each other for twelve miles. A bell on the engine rings automatically when trains are three miles apart, thus making collisions practically impossible.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—North-westerly and westerly breezes; fair generally, frost and fog locally at first, then fine and warmer. Lighting-up time, 7.28 p.m. Sea passages will be moderate to smooth generally.



## PIMLICO HOTEL MYSTERY DEEPENS.

Lady in Paris Says She Is Mrs.  
Cushing, the Millionaire's Wife.

### PUZZLING LETTER.

A letter addressed to the Paris edition of the "New York Herald" yesterday has given another dramatic turn to the Pimlico hotel mystery.

Three days ago Mr. Troutbeck, the Westminster coroner, adjourned the inquiry into the death of a lady who was found poisoned at Liffen's Hotel, Pimlico, with landanum.

The lady signed herself in the hotel register as "Marie Derval," but she left a letter saying that that was not her real name, and that she was an American.

At the inquiry Mrs. Gertrude Wood said she was positive that the deceased was her sister, Mrs. Cushing, the wife of an American millionaire—although the funeral took place before she could see the body—because of four things:—

1. By a knife found on her.
2. By a garment she wore.
3. By a physical peculiarity which was a family trait.
4. By her handwriting.

Other evidence identifying her as Mrs. Cushing was given.

"Slightly Exaggerated."

Now comes this puzzling letter:—

Imagine my dismay this morning when I saw in the "Herald" that I had been the subject of a coroner's inquest in London.

As our beloved Mark Twain once remarked under similar circumstances, "the story is slightly exaggerated."

At present I am seriously thinking of insuring my life against the perils of cars and automobiles in the Paris streets, but really no accident has claimed me yet.

I wish to add that I have not been in England since last August.—Yours sincerely (signed) LAURA A. CUSHING.

P.S.—London papers, please note.

In spite of this letter, however, Mrs. Wood holds firm to her belief that the lady found poisoned was her sister. Yesterday she said that she did not think the writer of the letter to the Paris "Herald" could be Mrs. Cushing.

Interviewed yesterday, Mrs. Wood said that her sister was on the stage in America, and was twice married.

"If My Sister Is Alive."

She divorced her first husband, and married Mr. John P. Cushing, a millionaire. They separated some years ago, and since then Mrs. Cushing has spent most of her time travelling in Europe.

"I have inquired at various exchanges in London, where she would be likely to write to me, but no communication of any sort has come to hand. That is very strange if my sister is really alive.

"Until I actually see her I shall remain convinced that my sister is the one who poisoned herself at the Pimlico hotel."

The latest police evidence to hand is distinctly in favour of Mrs. Wood's conviction. In the boots which the dead woman was wearing the maker's name is given:—

Lord and Taylor, Broadway and Twentieth-street, New York. No. 480, 4, 233.

This certainly points to the fact that the dead lady was an American, as these boots could only have been bought in New York.

Not Exactly a Quarrel.

Mrs. Wood attaches much importance to the fact that the writer of the letter to the "New York Herald" says that she has not been in England since August. Mrs. Wood is positive that she passed her sister in the street in London a few weeks before Christmas.

Mrs. Wood says that she has not had "exactly a quarrel" with her sister. There was no estrangement, but her sister did not confide in her. "If she told me all about her affairs she thought I might write to our mother, and that her husband might get to know where she was."

Last night Mrs. Wood left for Paris to interview the writer of the letter, and to see how far this she goes towards a solution of the mystery.

Interviewed last night, Mr. John Tweedie, manager of the American Exchange, Northumberland Avenue, who gave evidence at the inquest, said: "I have written to Cook's, at Paris, asking them if Mrs. Cushing has called at their office during the last few days for letters. If they reply that she has, well, then that settles it. It is a most extraordinary case, and I am quite at a loss to make it out."

### DUKE TSAI TSE VISITS COLONIAL OFFICE.

Duke Tsai Tse, accompanied by the two other Chinese Commissioners, and attended by a numerous suite, paid a visit yesterday afternoon to the Colonial Office, where they were received by the Earl of Elgin, who outlined the British system of colonial administration.

## DOCTOR'S TERRIBLE FATE.

Tortured and Butchered by Savages in  
Southern Nigeria.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ABOH DISTRICT (Southern Nigeria), West Africa, February 23.—A Government doctor named Stewart came to Oguta in February last to relieve another doctor, and, whilst taking a ride on his cycle some few miles out of Oguta, was molested by the natives there, who first cut off all his fingers, marched him from town to town, flogged him to death, and then cut him up, drying him over the fire, and eventually sending his remains to all the markets for sale.

This caused great consternation amongst the officials, and the District Commissioner has felt it necessary to warn the people that unless they bring him every bone of the doctor's body, and every part of the machine, he will go from town to town burning their houses, and punishing them. Aboh is a small town on the west bank of the Niger delta, eighty miles from the coast, and lies in the centre of the palm oil region, sixty miles south-east of Benin.

### MARQUIS BADLY HURT HUNTING.

Horse, Turning Somersault, Falls on Rider, Breaking  
Four Ribs.

While hunting in Cheshire Vale with the North Cheshire Hounds yesterday, the Marquis of Linlithgow was thrown from his horse and suffered severe injuries.

The horse, in taking a hedge, turned a complete somersault, and, falling upon its rider, had to be rolled off before the Marquis could be picked up. The Marquis had four ribs broken, one puncturing a lung, and his collar-bone was fractured.

### HEROIC BRITISH SEAMAN.

Gave Up His Life-Belt, and Warned Rescuers to  
"Keep Away, or You'll Be Swamped."

A survivor of the wreck of the s.s. Colne, of Goole, which foundered recently, and who was rescued by the Ramsgate smack Uncle Dick, tells of the heroic self-sacrifice shown by a Dover man named Bob Cleaver.

They were about to pick him up, when he shouted: "For God's sake, keep away, or you'll be swamped."

Previously he had given up his chance of life, saying to a shipmate: "Look here, Hugh, you've got a wife and six bairns; make a jump for it, my lad, here's my belt."

### ACCUSED TRIPS LIGHTLY TO DOCK.

Youth Charged with Fiendish Double Murder Main-  
tains His Boyant Attitude.

Charles Taylor, the young carpenter charged with having murdered Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, an aged couple, in their cottage, made a strong effort to maintain a buoyant appearance on the resumption of his trial at Coventry yesterday.

He ran lightly up the steps, seated himself in an easy attitude, and surveyed the crowded court with apparent indifference.

It was noticed, however, that he looked much more concerned during the giving of evidence, which did not throw much light on the case. The hearing was adjourned.

### MARCHIONESS IN A CARAVAN.

Novel Features of Projected July Fair, To Resemble  
a Gipsy Encampment.

A novel fair, resembling a gipsy encampment, will be held for a charitable object in the Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park, on the 13th and 14th July. There a caravan, festooned with baskets, will be the home of the Marchioness of Donegal and the Countess of Orford, hawkers of baskets; and near them Lady Decies, a flower-seller, will have a pitch.

Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Cleveland Greenway will invite sportsmen to their coconut shy; Lord Decies will be found to be a humane and attentive donkey-driver; and many well-known ladies will boil the kettle and prepare meals for travellers.

### THE QUEEN'S RETURN TO LONDON.

After a long stay at Sandringham, spent very quietly, Queen Alexandra returned to London last night, preparatory to setting out for Marseilles on Monday, to join the King.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Gower-street, W.C., has been commissioned to paint a replica of a miniature portrait of Princess Ena which she presented to her Royal Highness before the return to the Isle of Wight.

## GERMANY'S WIN.

Grand National Goes to Prince  
Hatzfeldt's Ascetic's Silver.

### A JOCKEY'S ORDEAL.

(FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.)

LIVERPOOL, Friday Night.—Prince Hatzfeldt, a well-known German sportsman, who has adventured largely in steeplechasing in England, had the honour of winning the Grand National Steeplechase to-day with Ascetic's Silver, an Irish-bred candidate, trained and ridden by the Hon. Aubrey Hastings.

There were at least as many spectators here as we usually see at the Derby, that paragon of racing; and what with the beautiful weather, the rapidity of a fair day in the fairest of springtime, and a most exhilarating contest for the great trophy, visitors immensely enjoyed themselves.

It was not generally believed that Ascetic's Silver was capable of doing such a fine thing, and he started at 20 to 1; but all immediately connected with Mr. Hastings's stable held almost perfect confidence in their chance.

To Reduce the Weight.

By the way, Mr. Hastings does not believe in the Cambridge egg theory. He says he has not been in a position for several weeks to experiment with any foods, for the simple reason that he was forced to reduce his bodily weight some 10lb.; and this severe discipline to a man who considers himself normally fit—in fact, in the pink of condition at the highest weight—was a terrible trial. A meagre diet, Turkish baths, and walking daily endless miles in sweaters, forced this splendid athlete down to the thinness required, and, marvellous to relate, he got through the heavy task over the four miles and a half course in superb trim.

The rider in a Grand National must be as fit as the horse, and Mr. Hastings achieved the ambition of his riding career by scoring very readily at the close of a contest remarkable as customary for the accidents which befall the great majority of the competitors. It is not the first time the spoils have been taken by a German owner. I remember Count Kinsky's Zedonne winning when ridden by that gallant Austrian sportsman in 1883.

John M.P. Rushes a Fence.

It seemed madness considering the difficulties of the course, with thirty odd jumps, to take 7 to 2—an absurd price—about John M.P., the popular favourite. That great horse was holding a big head, when, distracted by the public shouting, he rushed at a fence and slipped into it as if he were blindfolded. This jump, the first after the bend, known as the Canal Turn, is a thorn fence, gorse 4ft. 10in. high and 2ft. 10in. wide, with a ditch on the take-off side 6ft. wide, and banked to a guard rail 2ft. high and 2ft. deep.

Of the twenty-seven runners a baker's dozen came to grief, but of these Gladiator and Phil May were remounted and finished among the nine completing this extraordinary course.

After a dinner, which may very properly be described as comparatively abstemious, the Hon. Mr. Hastings's weight this evening went up 12lb. beyond the poundage registered as he passed the scale in the afternoon, a rider of one of the most remarkable Grand National winners of our time.

### OIL KING'S WRETCHED HEALTH.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller Placed on Invalid's Diet of  
Toast, Milk, and Chemicals.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil King, and the commander of a fortune of £150,000,000, is a physical wreck, as helpless as a babe. According to the "New York World" he is suffering from cancer of the stomach, which has reduced him to a deplorable condition of weakness.

His diet is of the simplest description, and every item has been prescribed with the view of soothing the tender membranes of the digestive organ.

As to solids, it is confined to very thin slices of unbuttered toast, softened in warm milk or water. Weak tea is his only beverage, and for the actual sustenance of life he is compelled to rely upon tonics, of which a great variety have been prepared and supplied by local pharmacists.

Preparations of beef, pre-digested, with pepsin and pancreatin albuminoids, and other chemical nutritives are also taken.

Mr. Rockefeller's family and attendants at Lakewood, where he is living in armed seclusion, refuse to confirm or deny the cancer report. "I don't know," is the only answer given to inquirers by telephone as to the health and mental condition of the Oil King. Letters and telegrams pass unnoted.

### VAT OF BEER FOR EARL'S HEIR.

At Messrs. Ducks and Reed's brewery, Malmesbury, the Earl and Countess of Suffolk have just taken part in the brewing of a vat of beer to be tapped at the coming of age of their son, born on March 2, 1906.

## MOTOR-OMNIBUS TRIUMPH

A Thousand Municipalities, Including London,  
Debating Traffic Innovations.

Within a year London may have a municipal motor-omnibus service. The London County Council will possibly apply to Parliament next session for powers to establish a service of "buzzers" in order that all electric tram routes may be linked up.

In this matter mighty London has been content to take a lesson from the little Lancashire town of Todmorden. The Corporation of Todmorden have had a Bill before Parliament for powers to run a motor-omnibus service inside and outside the borough.

The Police and Sanitary Committee of the House of Commons have granted power for the scheme inside the borough, but have disapproved of the outside scheme, and says it is the duty of local authorities to provide means of communication.

This decision has been communicated to nearly a thousand corporations and district councils, most of whom are anxiously considering the question of future means of communication. It is likely to result in a crop of Bills before Parliament next session for motor-omnibus powers.

The Todmorden municipal service will start with a capital of £6,000, which the Local Government Board may allow to be increased if the service pays.

With a possible thousand customers for motor-omnibuses, spending even only £6,000 each on the average, the motor-omnibus industry should flourish.

### RUSH OF UNDERWRITERS.

Over a Hundred Participate in the Ten Million  
Pounds Admiralty Scheme.

The forthcoming naval manoeuvres are providing a welcome occasion for investment in the ten million pounds Admiralty policy.

Already over one hundred of the underwriters at Lloyd's and twelve marine insurance companies have participated.

So far all the Liverpool marine insurance companies have held aloof on the ground that the 8s. 9d. premium is not adequate or commensurate with the risks incurred.

There is in some quarters a disposition to doubt that the policy really has been placed, but it may be pointed out that immediately the policy is initiated by the various companies it is done with so far as the Admiralty is concerned.

### AMERICAN INSURANCE IN ENGLAND.

Mr. Haldeman's Advice to British Policy-Holders in  
New York Life Company.

In a communication issued yesterday to the British policy-holders in the New York Life Insurance Company, Mr. D. C. Haldeman, the general manager, urges them not to surrender their policies in a moment of panic.

"I resigned my position," Mr. Haldeman states, "in order that I may, in case of need, devote myself without restraint to the interest of British policy-holders."

The circular adds that during the past week Mr. Haldeman has had several conferences with one of the American trustees, who is in entire agreement with him. This gentleman has now sailed for New York, and the gravity of the English situation will be put plainly before the governing board.

Until this has been done Mr. Haldeman advises no further action should be taken. The solvency of the company is beyond question, and to relinquish policies would mean a serious loss to holders.

### HANDICRAFTSMEN AT WORK.

Exhibition to Illustrate Progress of the Movement  
to Make Workers Artists.

First-rate craftsmen and craftswomen will be brought into touch with the great public by a novel exhibition which is to be held at the Grafton Galleries, London, from April 19 to April 27.

All the artists will be at work. Makers of dainty lace will be working at their bobbins, potters modelling at their wheels, men and women jewellers making artistic bands and setting stones of various kinds, bookbinders tying at their presses, and wood-carvers, basket makers, and weavers will show what deft fingers can do. The patrons are numerous and influential. Mrs. Charles Muller, 79, Parkmansons, Knightsbridge, S.W., is the secretary.

### M.P. SEEKS J.P.'S DEGRADATION.

Mr. MacNeill has given notice that he will ask the Home Secretary in Parliament whether the fact that Mr. F. Templeman, J.P., of West Ham, had been fined £5 for the cruel treatment of a horse would be brought to the notice of the Lord Chancellor, with a view to the removal of Mr. Templeman from the commission of the peace.



## MR. HUGH WATT AND LIGHTFOOT.

Remarkable New Evidence Now  
Before the Home Secretary.

## LADY VIOLET HOPEFUL.

Lady Violet Watt was besieged all day yesterday by private callers and newspaper representatives, owing to the publication by the *Daily Mirror* of the fact that remarkable new evidence has been laid before the Home Secretary relative to the trial which resulted in the conviction of Mr. Hugh Watt, ex-M.P.

Lady Violet, who has gathered new hope from the extraordinary revelations that have been made, of which, of course, she knows the full details, saw Mr. Watt at Parkhurst Prison quite recently. "He is really very well considering all that has happened," she told the *Daily Mirror*, "and so far from wearing himself out with anger and fretting at the terrible injustice under which he is suffering, is wonderfully patient and hopeful.

### Unaware of What Is Being Done.

"He is hardly yet aware how near really is the establishment of his absolute innocence."

The man whose conversations with Lightfoot in prison have resulted in this remarkable development of the famous case includes in his sworn statement a confession by Lightfoot relative to the mysterious paper handed by Lightfoot to Mr. Justice Phillimore during the trial.

That this paper was of a sensational character was shown by the fact that the Judge, Mr. Avory, and others who saw it, unanimously decided it could not be read aloud.

The *Daily Mirror* knows what was written on this paper. That it influenced the judgment of the Court is only too certain, but it does little credit to English justice that it did so.

The statement was false, and at the moment it could easily have been demonstrated false. Now Lightfoot says it was given him by certain officials with instructions as to the use he was to make of it.

### Personages' Names Misused.

The whole story is staggering in its revelation of the absolute unscrupulousness that marked the conduct of the case. Suffice it to say, a gross liberty was taken with the names of certain innocent and highly-placed persons.

From the reports of the trial of the Watt case we notice that in the summing-up Mr. Justice Phillimore, in dealing with Lightfoot's evidence, directed the jury that as regards Lightfoot's alleged interview with Mr. Watt in the Park there was a complete alibi.

Not satisfied with this novel method of treating the evidence of an admittedly perjured witness, his lordship proceeded to say, "I say once again Lightfoot is dishonest. He deceived Mr. Freke Palmer. Unless he was 'cooked,' of course, he would deceive Mr. Watt. Then there is no blame attaching to Mr. Watt. If Mr. Watt caused him to be 'cooked' first to deceive Mr. Freke Palmer, and then to deceive the magistrate, then, of course, it is almost as bad as bad can be."

### Searching Inquiry Wanted.

Lightfoot could not have dreamt of the alleged meeting in the Park. It must have been suggested by someone. Will the Home Secretary institute an inquiry as to who suggested it?

The *Daily Mirror* informant tells us that he has given in his declaration the names of the men who, according to Lightfoot, invented all these stories. If Lightfoot's last statement be correct, in view of the revelations in the Beck case, it is of the highest public importance that there should be a searching inquiry into the police methods generally.

If the liberty of the subject is to be placed in jeopardy on the evidence of an admitted perjurer supported by the evidence of persons having records like "Shuttle," alias "Nosey," then it is time for the public to bestir themselves and insist upon the immediate establishment of a Court of Criminal Appeal, so that Judges may be compelled to direct the jury not to accept the evidence of such witnesses.

### "DAILY MIRROR" AS A WITNESS.

The *Daily Mirror* played a useful part in Mr. Justice Bucknill's Court yesterday. Arising out of the collapse of some houses in Hackney in 1904, a case was brought against the L.C.C., and the pictures taken by the *Daily Mirror* after the disaster were handed round and examined by Judge, jury, and counsel.

### IMPORTANT SHIPPING CASE SETTLED.

A settlement was effected yesterday in the important action of Petersen v. Sir W. E. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., in which heavy damages were claimed.

It arose out of negotiations for the establishment of a fast line of steamers between Canada and Europe.

## SCHOOLBOYS' WAR-DANCE.

Moth-Hunters Escape the Terrors and Penalties of the Court of Chancery.

Four "schoolboys" have happily and successfully escaped from Chancery.

When the writ that brought them there was served, two of them, in the Judge's words, "executed a sort of war-dance."

They did not dance when Mr. Justice Buckley gave judgment, but they looked very pleased.

Their names are George Cox, Rupert Brooke, Neville Brooke, and Justin Brooke, and the father of three of them is a "J.P."

Some time ago they went moth-hunting on a highway leading through the game preserves of a Midland squire, to whom game preserves are sacred ground. Unfortunately in their enthusiasm they put treacle on some trees belonging to the squire in such a manner that it was thought that the game might be annoyed.

Yet it was only moths, not game, that the boys proposed to incommode.

The squire set the dread machinery of the law in motion, and haled the boys to Chancery, seeking an injunction and damages from them.

During the hearing of the evidence yesterday it was stated that even such an important person as Lord Rochaschid had failed to get permission to go moth-hunting on the squire's preserves.

The Judge, correcting Mr. Rawlinson, K.C., who seemed to think that the boys were on snaring butterflies bent, remarked that the latter do not fly by night.

His Lordship also pointed out that sporting rights in the matter of moths are unusual. The process of the Court, he opined, had been improperly used in bringing a Chancery suit against "schoolboys" who had been very civil when warned off.

"I will do one thing for the plaintiff," the Judge said in conclusion. "He shall have the shilling which the boys have paid into court—but he must pay their costs."

And then, amid subdued applause, the boys looked as if they would like to war-dance.

## MEUX BREWERY MEETING.

Differences with Lady Meux at an End, and Financial Position Better Than Anticipated.

The annual meeting of Meux's Brewery yesterday was not of the stormy character anticipated after the sensational report issued last week.

Mr. Harris, the chairman, announced, in opening his speech, that all differences, if any, which had existed between Lady Meux and the board had been very civilly when warned off.

The improvement which had taken place in the business had so far exceeded their anticipations. He urged that, despite Lord Iveagh's opinion, the London premises of the brewery in Tottenham Court-road should be sold, as the amount realised would assist them materially.

He concluded by moving the appointment of a committee of investigation to examine the books and report at a meeting to be held on April 20.

This resolution was seconded by Lady Meux's representative, and carried.

At the twentieth ordinary general meeting of Ind, Coope and Company yesterday, the Chairman said that, in spite of trade depression, they were in the satisfactory position of having made a gross profit of £429,338 during the year.

## CASE AGAINST 22 NEWSPAPERS FAILS.

Comments Were Not Stronger Than the Imputations Made in Parliament.

Messrs. Underwood and Son, hay contractors, who sought damages from the "Times" and twenty-one other newspapers for publishing statements alleged to be libellous in connection with contracts for South Africa during the war, lost their case yesterday, the jury finding for the defendants.

In summing-up, Mr. Justice Darling pointed out that some of the imputations in regard to the contracts made in Parliament and reported in the newspapers were couched in most violent language.

He did not think the jury would find in any of the twenty-two newspapers language stronger in mode of expression than what was said by some M.P.s. Yet the firm could make no complaint of that, proceedings in the House being privileged.

## BETTING RAID IN THE CITY.

Of eleven silk-hatted City men who were brought together into the Guildhall dock yesterday, ten were merely accused of being in a place used for betting purposes; James Hobbs, the eleventh, described as a stoker, was charged with having kept a book in Broadstreet House for the purpose of betting.

The case was adjourned, all the men being allowed out on bail.

During the last few days many of the automatic machines on the District Railway have been broken open in broad daylight and the contents taken.

## TEWKESBURY TRIAL.

Wife Said To Have Been Duped and "Bullied" Into Absconding.

## PAINFUL SCENE IN COURT.

A painful story was preceded by a painful scene at Bow-street yesterday, when Mrs. Violet A. Tewkesbury, an American woman who has been lying ill in a Paris prison for some time awaiting extradition, was charged with having obtained money by means of worthless cheques.

Mrs. Tewkesbury, who was stylishly dressed and wore a heavy veil, had just entered the dock, when a woman stepped up and tried to hand her a baby. An officer intervened, and although Mrs. Tewkesbury made a fearful appeal, the magistrate ordered the woman to take away the baby, which began to scream.

Mrs. Tewkesbury and her husband were charged at Bow-street at the end of last year, but absconded after a remand, bail of £400 in the case of the husband being paid. The amounts which, it was stated, had been obtained were £25 10s. 9d. from Messrs. Maple, Limited, Tottenham Court-road; £10 from Mr. W. J. Patey; £15 from Mr. P. T. Mercer; £10 from Mr. J. T. Penny; and £15 from Mr. C. H. Bridge.

Tewkesbury, whose failure for £200,000 after a fifteen rise was one of the features of 1905 in M.L. street, New York, acted as a company promoter in London, being sole proprietor of the Investment Corporation of England.

### Wife Kept in the Dark.

On him his wife threw all the blame for what had occurred. She was kept in ignorance of his business, and large cheques which he had given her were practical "bullied" into absconding. She said nothing the matter with the cheques about which the case was concerned.

She told the officer who brought her over that after the charge had been taken against her she offered to pay some of the dishonoured cheques, but was told that it was too late. She gave Mr. Tewkesbury the money to pay one of them.

In appealing for bail, Mr. Lunge said the woman was practical "bullied" into absconding.

In Paris a baby was born, and her husband had deserted her, leaving her to the mercy of such friends as she could find.

Her health was completely ruined in the French prison, where, for thirty-eight days, she was detained without an interpreter, and without a medical man who could speak English.

Bail, however, was not granted, and Mrs. Tewkesbury was remanded in custody.

Tewkesbury has been arrested in Philadelphia, and will be taken to New York to answer a charge of grand larceny.

## POPULAR IGNORANCE ABOUT JEWELS.

Rubies, Emeralds, Sapphires, and Amethysts All Merely Varieties of the Beryl.

"What the public knows as an emerald is, as a matter of fact, a green beryl."

That was one of the few disclosures of the real nature of certain jewels which a well-known geological expert made yesterday to the *Daily Mirror*.

"The emerald," he continued, "is one of the beryl's varieties of shade, and the name emerald simply denotes the colour of the stone."

"A bluish-green beryl is called an aquamarine, which is the colour of the sea."

"Sapphire and ruby also are both colour names only. The sapphire is merely one of the varieties of a crystal known as corundum, and so is the true or Oriental ruby."

The other varieties of this crystal are Oriental topaz, Oriental amethyst, Oriental emerald, star sapphire, and star ruby."

## MUSIC PIRATES AT LEEDS.

Five Men Sentenced to Imprisonment and Over 2,000 Copies of Music Seized.

Five music pirates were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment at Leeds yesterday.

The arrests were made in consequence of letters found in connection with the case in January in London, advising the Leeds pirates to "look out" and "shift the stuff."

Between 2,000 and 3,000 copies of pirated music had been found, said counsel. In addition there were orders from all over the country, and twenty-five copies of original copyright music were seized.

John O. Smith, a wholesale dealer, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, four other prisoners received shorter terms, and others were bound over.

## PRINCESS ROYAL'S OWN REGIMENT.

The Princess Royal will visit Canterbury on Thursday next to present a new standard to her regiment, the Seventh Dragoon Guards.

## MYSTERY OF AN OLD DESK.

Did Sir George Munday Present the Famous Nelson Memorandum to His Butler?

There is yet some mystery attached to the Nelson memorandum which was recently sold in the interest of a London omnibus-driver for £3,600.

Several members of the Munday family believe that Sir George Munday was unaware that the desk, which he presented to his butler, Jackson, contained the memorandum, and that the old admiral intended it to remain in the family.

Lady Munday has written several letters to Mr. Sabin, the present owner of the memorandum, on the subject.

But it must be remembered that the desk, without the memorandum in it, was of no value whatever, and the butler's services to Sir George certainly warranted a better reward.

Mr. Sabin said to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that unless a movement to purchase it for the nation started very shortly, he intends to get rid of the memorandum in the ordinary business course.

One old seaman called on Mr. Sabin this week and suggested that a subscription for buyers, it should be opened to seamen only, and he offered to start it with half a sovereign.

Lord Nelson had written to the old man saying he regretted that he was unable to do anything personally in the matter, but he hoped the nation would have it after all.

## EXPERIMENTS IN MATRIMONY.

Action for Nullity of Marriage Which Followed a Divorce in America.

Accounts of a singular marriage tangle were given in the High Court yesterday, during the hearing of the appeal of the petitioner in the nullity suit of Bate v. Bate, otherwise Lowe.

Mr. Lowe, the former husband of the respondent, had, after cross-petitions for divorce failed, gone to America, where his life had followed him and obtained a divorce.

Mr. Bate, but later had separated from him. Mr. Bate sought to have the marriage annulled, alleging that the divorce in New York was invalid; but their Lordships held that the American Court had had full jurisdiction to dissolve the marriage, and the appeal was dismissed.

## DISPUTED SALE OF HANDEL'S WATCH.

Peculiar Case Brought by a Singer Against Dr. Cummings, Professor of Music.

A peculiar case, having its origin in the sale of a chased silver watch which once belonged to Handel, the composer, occupied attention in the King's Bench yesterday.

Mrs. Henrietta M. Shearer, a singer, whose professional name is Mackenzie, sought to recover the watch and damages for its detention from Dr. Cummings, the eminent professor of music.

She said that she had contracted her intention of selling the watch to a Mr. Herring, through whom it passed to a Mr. Stafford Smith, who sold it to Dr. Cummings for £50, although, she said, he had only authority to refer offers to her. She was paid by a cheque for £50, which was dishonoured.

Dr. Cummings said he was influenced to buy the watch through a representation that Mrs. Shearer was in straitened circumstances.

The parties came to terms during an adjournment of the Court.

## DROWNED IN YEAST.

Cellarman Found Dead in a Four-foot Vat at a Chichester Brewery.

Mystery surrounds the death of James Marshall, cellarman at a Chichester brewery, who was found dead in a vat of yeast yesterday morning. He was stated at the inquest that he came to work at five minutes to six, which was some minutes earlier than usual. Two fellow employees were in the tun-room, where the vat was, from two minutes after six till the body was found, and saw nothing of him.

The vat was only 4ft. deep, and was reached by an 8ft. ladder. Marshall's work did not take him into the tun room at all, and no one looking into the vat in the ordinary way could possibly fall in.

Two days before he told his wife something "went off bang" in his head. Before leaving home that morning he had been laughing with his wife and playing with his latest baby, aged three months. The inquest was adjourned.

## A KINDLY ACT.

During the self-denial week of the Salvation Army in Brompton, South Hackney, in a collecting box in lieu of a silver coin of the same size.

As he could ill-afford to let the greater part of his wages go thus, he wrote to the captain at the Congress Hall, Clapton, and a day or two after the sovereign was returned to him.



## THE TRIUMPH OF "PRINCESS ALLUS."

How New York Believes She Will  
Be Received at Windsor.

### "IN ROYAL STATE."

Not even yet has the "Princess Allus" fever died out in America.

Instead of forgetting President Roosevelt's daughter now that she is plain Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and just an ordinary married woman, the "New York World" publishes a highly-coloured "shriek" as to what "Princess Allus" will do when she arrives in London next May or June.

Half a page is given up to the coloured drawing of Mrs. Longworth being presented at Court, and underneath are dotted about other illustrations and the following explanatory lines:—

#### WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S

#### DAUGHTER GOES TO ENGLAND.

Though Plain Mrs. Longworth, She Will Ride in Royal State, Be Entertained at Windsor Castle, Eat Off the Crown Gold Plate, Take Precedence Over Nobility at the King's Direction, and Be Treated as If She Were a Princess.

"For the first time in our history the daughter of a President will visit Europe during her father's term," says the accompanying article. "More than that, she visits Europe at a time when all Europe is plainly endeavouring to be friendly with the United States."

"Strictly Inoog., but Splendid."

"How shall she be received?" "Nobody need be concerned about the answer. The King will attend to that." "All this has already been attended to by his Majesty himself, assisted by his impeccable secretary, Lord Knollys. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will have the time of her life—but quite unofficially, to be sure. All that royalty can do for royalty will be done for her; but, mind you, strictly inoog."

"If strict etiquette be observed—and it doubtless will be—Mrs. Longworth will be received as an unknown married lady whose position at home warrants the American Ambassador in presenting her at Court. She will be received as of the standing of her husband, and enter the stately drawing-room at Buckingham Palace under the wings of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, make her bow to the King and Queen, and retire."

"Now comes the King's chance."

"No Fuss or Feathers."

"Though Mrs. Longworth's status is no different from that of any American lady, his Majesty will see to it that distinctions are showered upon her. Mrs. Longworth and her husband are to be invited beforehand to a private audience with King Edward and Queen Alexandra."

"Ambassador Reid will present the young people in the King's private drawing-room. There will not be any fuss or feathers about this reception. The King and Queen will receive Mr. and Mrs. Longworth just as any host and hostess would receive their friends."

"Mr. and Mrs. Longworth will receive the regulation 'command' to 'dine and sleep' at Windsor."

"She and her husband will be met at the railway station by a royal carriage drawn by two superb bay horses, trapped out in gold. On the box will be coachman and footman, and on the rumble two postillions, each carrying a gold-headed staff tricked out with a heavy golden tassel."

#### The Triumph of Mrs Longworth.

"At the Castle Mrs. Longworth will find herself a specially honoured guest. She will wear decolleté dress at dinner, of course, and the gentlemen, including Congressman Longworth, will appear in 'smalls'—black knickerbockers—with evening coat and waistcoat. The company will assemble in the grand drawing-room, a magnificent apartment panelled in Gobelin tapestries and hung with splendid chandeliers of crystal and side lights or torchers of ormolu. When all the guests have taken their places the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family will enter, and after formal bows, lead the guests to the state dining-room."

"It will be an irreproachable dinner, served in forty minutes. Then the party will retire to one of the great corridors, where the King and Queen will converse with each guest in due form, to each the allotted number of minutes. This will be the King's opportunity to single out the daughter of the President for special conversation, and perhaps he will ask her and Mr. Longworth to meet her Majesty and himself in the private drawing-room for bridge or a little supper afterwards."

"It will be a royal time for the Longworths in London."

"All this catarrh of nonsense is written with the utmost gravity, as if the writer himself believed it."

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

The King's Bench Judges will hold a meeting at the Royal Courts of Justice on Monday to consider the provisions of the Criminal Appeal Court Bill.

Electric tramcars ran for the first time in Willesden yesterday.

Including those sailing from Liverpool to-day over 10,000 emigrants have left England for Canada during the week.

It was stated at Clerkenwell County Court yesterday that £268 8s. 1d. had been spent in collecting £47 7s. 8d. by the trustees for two children under a will.

The Hon. Charles Arthur Ellis, brother to the late Lord Howard de Walden, died yesterday at Frensham Hall, near Haslemere, at the age of sixty-seven.

Considerable interest is felt in Wesleyan circles in a scheme projected by Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., to establish a sort of Methodist Freemasonry throughout the world.

"Ian MacLaren," says the "New York Herald," will go to Philadelphia next year to be principal lecturer in the Western Theological Seminary, and will remain for twelve months.

Two drivers of early morning market cars who had given "lifts" to pedestrians and received coppers have been fined at Marylebone for plying for hire with unlicensed vehicles.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks further donations for providing an invalid chair for Mr. Wise, of New Cross, from "Sympathiser," 5s.; E. S. Wise, 2s. 6d.; bringing the fund up to £2.

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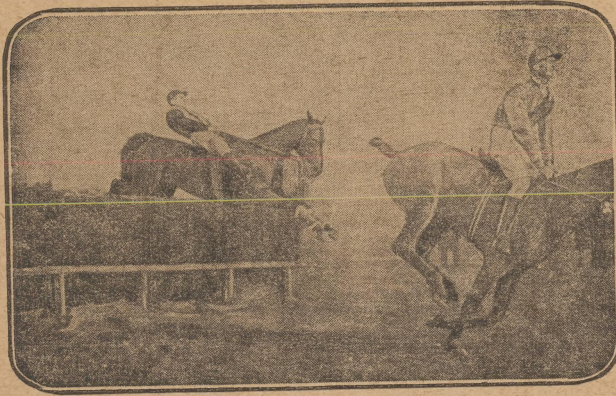
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### No. 46.—AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the "Daily Mirror." For each one used at 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by the Editor to be the best. No. 46, sent by Miss C. Murray, Holmans, Wellington-square, Cheltenham, shows Seven (ridden by Mr. E. M. Mumby), the winner, leading Lady Whiplasher (ridden by Mr. A. Neeme), over the last fence, in the Gloucestershire Foxhunters' Cup, at the Cheltenham Spring Steeplechase.

At Avignon a woman barrister has successfully pleaded her first case.

A proposal is on foot to hold a meeting of the citizens of London to show appreciation of Lord Milner.

Between sixty and seventy delegates, representing higher education in France, will visit London at Whitsundale.

Sixty people are homeless in Bristol in consequence of the recent disastrous fire, in which all their belongings were lost.

Mr. John Burns has just opened a new fire brigade station at Clapham Junction, and the motor fire-engine is named after him.

The body of Frederick Paine, son of the assistant keeper of the Nash Lighthouse, Glamorganshire, has been found on the shore under the cliffs.

The Chinese Board of Education, in order to put a stop to the practice of binding women's feet, has issued an order prohibiting the sale of small shoes.

General J. F. Owen, C.B., was last night gazetted Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Artillery, in place of the late Lieut.-General the Hon. Sir D. Fraser.

Miss Randolph, daughter of Colonel Randolph, of the United States, who is engaged to be married to the Hon. Lionel Lambart, is one of the most daring horsewomen in America.

After being adrift for twenty hours in the North Sea in an open boat, four fishermen have just arrived at Grimsby, being picked up by a schooner off the north-west coast of Scotland.

During last year, it is stated in a report just issued, there were no fewer than 249 pupils at the City of London School for Girls, which at the outset was regarded by hostile critics as certain to fail.

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## MEDDLE AND MUDDLE.

THEY are brothers, these two. They are inseparable, scarcely ever seen apart. When you see Meddle on the war-path, you can be certain Muddle is not far away.

If you come upon Muddle, sitting bewildered in the midst of chaos, you have no need to ask who got him into his tangle. You say without hesitation, "This is Meddle's work."

It was Meddle who lost us the United States. A weak King (George III.) and a still weaker Ministry could not make up their minds to let the American Colonists work out their own Destiny. So the Colonists cut the connection and started business for themselves.

Is Meddle going to lose us the South African Colonies, too? Are they going to be driven to federate themselves into an independent Republic by the same kind of fussy interference which the American Colonies refused to put up with?

In the course of a South African debate a few days ago a letter written from Cape Colony was quoted to the effect that a Republic would be declared within twelve months. Lord Elgin's irritating suggestion to the Natal Ministry that he knows their business better than they know it themselves is just the kind of stimulant required to make such a prophecy come true.

Foolish fathers and mothers never realise that their children are grown-up. They try to treat them, when they have become men and women, in just the same way as they were treated when they were small.

Just as foolish is it for England to lose sight of the fact that the Colonies are no longer in leading-strings. She cannot expect them now to hold her hand whenever they go out for a walk. She cannot put them in the corner when she does not approve of their doings. She cannot say "stop" when she is doubtful whether they are on the right road or not.

It may be the wrong road, but they have got to find that out for themselves. Men and women will not be put into perambulators or fixed up in nursery-chairs. They will go their own gait.

They may make mistakes, but it is only by making mistakes that they can learn how to avoid making them in future. The man who makes no mistakes never makes anything. Freedom and responsibility make any character. If there is no responsibility and no freedom, there will be no character.

It is no good saying "Yes, but England is responsible, too, for the acts of her Colonies." No father can reasonably consider himself responsible for what his grown-up son may do. If he thinks his son is in the wrong, he can offer advice. But that is the limit. He can't go farther than that.

Nor is it any argument to point out that England is within her "Constitutional rights" in putting her finger in Colonial pies. We have got to face the situation that the Colonies will not stand such interference. That is a hard, concrete fact. The "Constitutional right" is a shadowy abstraction.

The best way to escape from the Muddle which the Colonial Secretary's policy of Meddle has got us into, is for him to climb down without delay.

"Wouldn't that be weak?" No, the weak man is the obstinate man who never admits he has been in the wrong. H. H. F.

P.S.—It should be remembered all the same that grown-up sons don't look to their fathers for protection. If the Colonies claim grown-up rights, they must accept grown-up duties. They must pay their fair share towards Imperial Defence. They are a long way from doing that at present.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The only people who are really tired of life are the young, who have not yet lived it.—Emile Faguel.

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

IT is not very often that a new talent startles the House of Commons without the smallest warning. Nearly all who have made great successes, or even striking failures, in their maiden speeches have been known in one way or another before they have risen to address the House. Mr. Disraeli was known as the author of "Vivian Grey," as the exquisite of Lady Blessington's salon, and as a person who wore the most astounding clothes. And nearly always when an authoritative voice is first heard (or howled down) some prejudice or sympathy about the speaker is noticeable in the House.

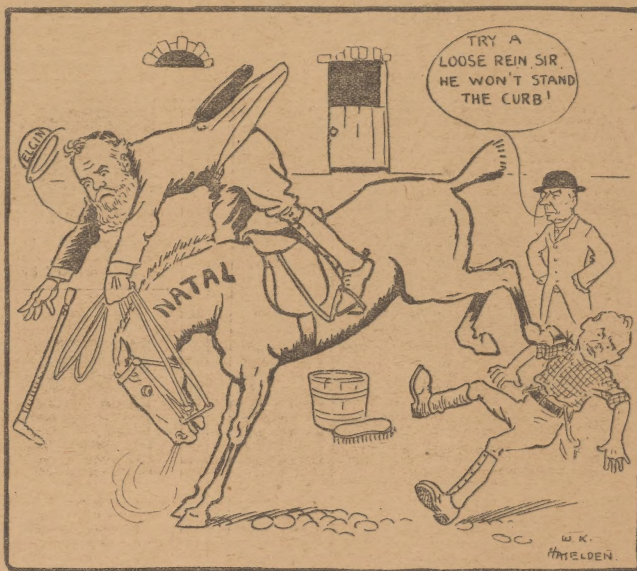
The fiscal debate the other day, however, did really reveal a talent expected by very few—the talent of Mr. F. E. Smith, the member for the Walton Division of Liverpool, who moved the rejection of the Trade Unions Bill yesterday. His maiden speech was delightfully impertinent, but had (unlike certain other impertinent speeches one could mention) an easy air of improvisation about it. It was extraordinary to see the delight manifested by the leaders of the Opposition when Mr. Smith began to speak. Mr. Balfour looked listless, indifferent, when he arose; Mr. Chamberlain severe. But before he had spoken for long both

travelling expenses; secondly, with £10,000 as a fee; thirdly, with a life pension of £500 a year; and made him, last of all, a Baron of the Russian Empire. So his voyage to the truculent Catherine's Court turned out the most prosperous he ever made.

It is strange that Catherine, whose ideal of government was "benevolent despotism," and who had the most bitter contempt for all the revolutionary ideas of her time, should have been so delighted with anything so new as inoculation. But one must remember that scarcely anybody was safe from smallpox in those times—Sovereigns even less than ordinary people, living, as they did, in vilely drained and ventilated palaces. Maria Theresa caught the terrible disease, and Louis XV. died of it. No wonder that a remedy was eagerly welcomed by one who enjoyed life as the Empress Catherine did.

A few days ago I gave an account of some of the magnificence which rewards visitors to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. Now I see that Mr. Boldt, its manager, has been favouring an American paper with his maxims for hotel government. They are highly instructive, and may be commended to the attention of restaurant or hotel managers in England, though some are, perhaps, slightly obvious—"Give the people what they want," for instance, which ought, one would think,

## THE HORSE THAT DID NOT LIKE THE CURB.



Lord Elgin and Mr. Winston Churchill had better have followed the Colonial policy of Mr. Chamberlain. Their first experiment in overriding Colonial decisions has the result of setting Natal in an uproar.

of them had turned with amused and delighted faces towards the new genius of the party.

Mr. Smith's second speech, yesterday, had not, of course, the same success about it; but it was clever and amusing, like the other. He is comparatively young—was born only in 1872, and was president of the Oxford Union in 1893. After taking his degree it looked as though Mr. Smith might settle to the life of a don, for he took a fellowship at Merton, and began to lecture on law and history. Oxford, it has been unkindly said, disheartens a man early; and its climate (or, perhaps, the other dons) may have wearied Mr. Smith. Anyhow, the House is glad that he gave up academic ease and came to dominate it with his towering form and always ready power of invective.

It is not very generally known that Lady Dimsdale, who opened the sale of work yesterday in aid of the Marylebone District Nursing Association, bears one of the foreign titles of nobility which carry with them no official right to precedence in England. The present Lord Dimsdale is the seventh Baron, and the title was conferred in 1792 upon Mr. Thomas Dimsdale, a worthy English doctor who had a great reputation over here—a reputation which, at that time, invited naturally a good deal of distrust—as an expert in the art of inoculation for smallpox.

Catherine of Russia came to hear of Mr. Dimsdale's skill, and she sent for him to St. Petersburg, and permitted him to inoculate her, as well as her son, the Grand Duke. She was so pleased with the way the operation was performed that she presented the doctor, first, with £1,000 to pay his

to go without saying, though in many big American hotels, where, as I pointed out, you often ring the "indicator" bell for your boots and receive a bottle of soda-water or something equally useful, it no doubt needs to be insisted upon.

Others of these maxims have more originality in them. The first says: "Always serve your food hot," and the fifth: "Sizzling hot water in every nook and cranny every minute of the twenty-four hours is the best advertisement," and these two rules seem, to judge by the stifling, steam-heated rooms of most American hotels, to be pretty generally followed. The other rules for perfection in the matter of innkeeping mainly deal with the treatment of women, for, as Mr. Boldt says, "a dissatisfied woman can do an hotel more harm than a dozen men." The last rule warns you to "treat every man as though he was your best customer"—a sensible piece of advice analogous to that which urges every man to treat every woman as though he were in love with her.

The only American peer is at present staying in London. This is Lord Fairfax, one of whose ancestors was Cromwell's Fairfax. The family emigrated to America when Charles II. returned, and have remained there ever since. Lord Fairfax's title is a Scotch one, yet he is, I believe, legally an alien, and was unable to sit in the House of Lords without taking out naturalisation papers. He was over here at the time of the Coronation. Lord Fairfax owns estates in Virginia. He is only thirty-five, and is universally popular in America, where he is known to be a follower of the simple life, with quiet, unassuming manners and a taste for the open-air, which would be approved by Dr. Charles Wagner or by Mr. Bart Kennedy.

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

## "DOUBLE THE TAX ON DOGS."

I would suggest another plan to raise a little revenue. I have a dog myself, and I don't begrudge the tax, but I also have a cycle, and my wife has one, too, and I should not in the least begrudge a tax of £1 per cycle per year.

I should also like to see the tax on motor-cycles doubled, and the tax on motor-cars trebled, and the revenue got in that way would go a great deal towards relieving the burden of the ratepayers in supporting the unemployed and relieving distress.

I believe in those that have plenty of this world's goods being made to support those that have little through no fault of their own.

Brislington, Bristol.

R. A. WILLIAMS.

I quite agree with the remarks by "Dog Owner" in your issue of Thursday, and think the present rate of 7s. 6d. quite sufficient.

Rather than double the tax on dogs, as suggested in H. A. Sherburn's letter, why not tax bicycles, which are a much greater nuisance than dogs.

Ashbourne-road, Mitcham.

W. TARRANT.

## A DEFENCE OF THE MOTOR-CAR TRADE.

As an article appearing in your paper under the heading "Blackmailing Chauffeurs" is clearly an attack involving every motor-car garage of repute, we desire to contradict such statements, which it is quite evident lack confirmation from the motor-car trade generally.

No such practice or malpractice ever did nor ever will exist at this establishment.

If the Electric Supply Company have any grounds for their fears, as your article would lead us to believe, it is certainly a very deplorable state of things, which we in their place would use our efforts to discountenance. But to lay such a charge to all chauffeurs wholesale, wherein the complicity of every garage is inferred, is not only entirely wrong, but likely to be injurious to owners of garages, and we therefore trust that you will bear the courtesy to kindly publish this refutation of the article appearing in your columns under the above heading.

W. G. ROBERTS.

The Westminster Bridge Garage and Works.

## INJURED WORKMEN BILL.

In reference to your draft of the new Bill, are we to take it that men engaged by builders as estimating and measuring clerks, and who may be working on the scaffold measuring the work done in the various trades (roof work included), will not be provided for by the new Bill? If not, why not?

Glengall-road, S.E.

E. A. COLENS.

## WEEK-ENDS.

## No. 5.—Buckinghamshire Villages.

Perhaps Buckinghamshire will, after next Monday, be rather a place for permanent residence than for week-ends, because then the Great Central will have its new suburban train service in working order, bringing all the most courtified villages of the county well within an hour's journey from London.

Which shall we choose, of all these ancient villages, when we make the first trial of the new railway? Chalfont St. Giles, with its queer, cramped cottages and its tall trees dwarfing them into looking tinner than they are, is one of the most characteristic, and also one of the most famous.

Its fame comes from Milton's cottage, which stands at the upper end of the village. It was bought in 1887 by public subscription, and is now a seldom-visited museum, which you have to pay a shilling to see unless you are a "resident in the parish," in which case you probably will not want to visit it at all.

Here Milton came in 1665, fleeing from the plague in London. It would be too near London now to be a safe retreat in any similar case.

Chalfont-road is Chalfont (the nearest station is Notton-road) in Jordans, where pistol Quakers always go to visit the burial place of William Penn. Of course, hundreds of Americans come here; and one of them once offered to remove Penn's body from where it lies beside his own low-roofed meeting-house (where Quakers still gather once a year), and bury it beneath a more emphatic monument in Philadelphia. But the generous offer was refused. Jordans, too, is the burial place of Lord and Lady Shaftesbury, and, indeed, wherever you go in this county to Stoke Poges, to Beaconsfield, or to Hughenden, where Disraeli had his house—you walk or bicycle on roads shadowed in late spring, summer, and autumn by the huge branches of elm or beech.

## IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 30.—The north-east wind is doing a great deal of harm in exposed gardens. The tender young shoots of many plants have been, and where new growth has been allowed to go unprotected withered leaves abound.

Yet, in spite of the cold, spring advances. Up come the bright, red shoots of the paeonies. What a charming effect these splendid plants produce in March and April!

The lilacs—the valley canals—can be seen peering above ground in shady places, where periwinkles are already covered with half-opened flowers.

E. F. T.



# POLLING AT LEICESTER

## SCENES & INCIDENTS



The top photograph shows Sir John Rolleston (marked with a cross) the Unionist candidate, and Lady Rolleston canvassing at Leicester yesterday. Underneath is Mr. Franklin Thomasson, the Liberal candidate, in his carriage (left-hand figure in photograph) driving through the town.

### MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE IN A CAVE.



At Reigate the famous caves, which have for so long been an attraction to visitors, have been put to useful purpose by being fitted up as a miniature rifle range.—(G. Frith.)

# News by

## SIR EDWARD CLARKE STARTS



Being unable to shake off the effects of his severe attack of influenza, Sir Edward Clarke, Unionist member of Parliament for the City of London, has been ordered by his doctors to take a holiday abroad. He sailed yesterday.

## TAKING OVER THE NEW



(1) Japanese sailors arriving at Barrow from London. They are marched through the docks, headed by the band of Messrs. Vickers, Sons and Maxim, the builders of the new battleship; (2) Japanese officers in military uniforms.



# Camera.

FOR HIS HOLIDAY IN EGYPT.



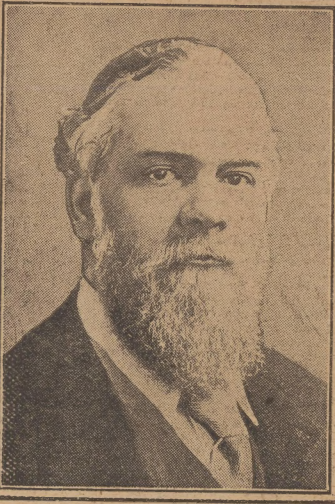
on the P. and O. ss. China for the Mediterranean and Egypt, and is photographed with Lady Clarke and his second son, Mr. William Clarke, as the vessel left Tilbury Docks.

SE BATTLESHIP AT BARROW.



own round the Katori by an officer who has been in charge for some days; (3) men carrying their kits from the train to the vessel; (4) Captain Makamoko addressing his officers upon arrival on board the Katori.

# THE CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA



Lord Elgin, Colonial Secretary, who telegraphed Natal suspending the death sentence on twelve natives convicted of murdering a policeman in the recent disturbances.—(Elliott and Fry.)



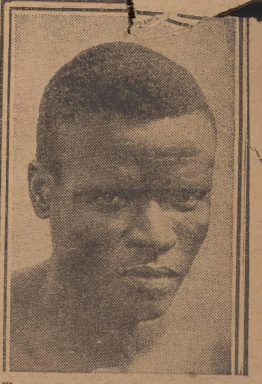
Sir H. McCallum, Governor of Natal, to whom the Natal Ministry at once handed their resignations on hearing Lord Elgin's message, which they bitterly resented. (Elliott and Fry.)



Natives under arrest. Those alleged to have taken part in the attack on Sub-Inspector Hunt and the murder of a policeman were tried by court-martial of five Militia officers. They were lodged and presented, the trial lasted eight days, and twelve European and twenty-one native witnesses were examined.—(H. W. Nicholls.)



Colonel Mackenzie, in command of the punitive column, to which the natives surrendered.—(H. W. Nicholls.)



Type of the natives whose restlessness is a standing menace to Natal.—(H. W. Nicholls.)



# By Right of Love.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

## CHAPTER XXXVIII

Chester's thoughts were far removed from Susan as he drove back to Berkshire House, and the man's breath would have been taken away had he imagined for one second what was passing in his wife's mind. He would have suffered the keenest pain, the keenest remorse; but, as it was, his mood was a particularly cheerful one, and he dwelt with keen pleasure on the hour stretching ahead.

It would be good to talk to Henrietta, to marvel over her lovely face, to gaze into the strange depths of her amber eyes, to press her hand. And he did not think that these thoughts were disloyal to Susan, for perhaps the man hardly realised the intensity of his feelings towards Henrietta, or the passionate nature of his affection.

He had checked himself into the fond delusion that their mutual friendship was founded on the principles of Plato, and he did not trouble to wonder why it was that his heart beat so rapidly whenever he found himself in the Duchess's presence; nor did he inquire too closely into the reason why it pleased him to press her fingers, or to smell the warm perfume of her hair.

He felt abundantly satisfied with life, for he had gone hungry for so many things during the past few years. He had been painfully conscious that the world he wanted to conquer had regarded him contemptuously, and that he really meant no more to friends and acquaintances than any other rich man means. He had simply been the son of a wealthy tradesman, in their eyes—a man who had the sense to marry into an aristocratic family, a parvenu who had purchased a wife with his money bags.

The position had grated—grated horribly; and also, though perhaps Chester had hardly realised this, he had felt the lack of Susan's sympathy, for, like all men, he needed a woman's encouragement—a woman's praise.

He had passed such a lonely life. His boyhood had been lonely—cruelly—painfully so, and the same thing had applied to his manhood. But now everything had changed, everything had altered, and there was only one person to thank for it—one.

As Chester thought of Henrietta, his heart swelled with gratitude. How could he ever repay her for all that she had done for him, he wondered? Surely he owed her more than he might ever return.

The cab took him swiftly along, and he was thankful to see when he reached the vast grounds of Berkshire House that there were fewer carriages waiting outside; also he noticed a long stream of departing guests descending the staircase.

He was glad of this, for it ensured him a speedy tete-a-tete with Henrietta, and he wanted—ah, he hardly knew how much—to talk to her alone. Not that he had a great deal to say, only he liked the sense of intimate comradeship that these conversations gave. It was great to feel that Henrietta liked to be alone with him—that she would talk to him when she would deny herself to others! It was not only good—it was wonderful!

He had an especial reason for wanting to speak to her to-night, for on the morrow he was to make his first speech—to address the House. The Duke had settled it so—the man who must be obeyed. And Chester, though he felt a certain nervous shrinking from the ordeal—was delighted to know that his chief put so much trust in him—so much confidence.

He had grown in his own way very attached to his great leader, and he did not wonder, now that he saw more of Berkshire, about the extraordinary influence which this apparently dull and lethargic man exerted over those who followed him, and how Chester realised that the Duke was like a mountain—big and invincible force.

There were moments when Chester felt that no one had yet seen in the Duke of Berkshire as he was, one had yet seen in him the man who was an offender if he thought that he would offend, that strong man who was also a child.

He also grasped that as nothing to the Duke of Berkshire was as nothing to the Duke of Berkshire, he did not realise and appreciate this. For he knew—she had often told him—that she considered him her husband's superior, as far as mental activity went, and in this the woman was wrong. How wrong, how mistaken, he realised more each hour, for he never left Berkshire's presence, and they met almost daily now, without grasping the fact of the Duke's greatness, and this in no grudging spirit of envy, but in real and hearty appreciation of true strength.

"So you've come back?" Henrietta faced him with a dazzling smile.

"She had been talking to the Russian Ambassador when Chester entered the drawing-room. But she dismissed that great man with a light wave of her fan when she caught sight of Paul, then had advanced to meet the other through the thinning room.

He was flattered—he couldn't help being flattered—even though it struck him that her conduct was indiscreet for his good friend Rupert Temple smiling in the background, an evil smile, and he was also uncomfortably aware that another pair of eyes were fixed upon him as well, faintly reproachful eyes.

It was not the first time Father Hilary had looked at him in this sad and questioning manner, and Chester had always felt a great desire to take the gentle old man into his confidence, and tell

the priest not to be afraid, nor think that he would for one moment forget what he owed the Duke and play the part of a domestic traitor.

"Yes, I've returned," he spoke in low tones, wondering for the second if he had done well to come back—if he had done wisely. For there was that in Henrietta's eyes which startled and puzzled him—and he could not understand her smile.

"I am so glad—so very, very glad, Paul," she pronounced his Christian name with some embarrassment; then she fanned herself and lowered her voice.

"To-morrow is going to be a great day in your life—at least, I hope so, and I want to talk to you this evening—oh, very seriously, over many things."

"Yes?" he murmured.

He was conscious that people were looking at him, looking at her, and of a sudden he felt awkward, embarrassed and troubled.

"Later on, when all the crowd are gone," she said, bending towards him so close that her breath fanned his cheek.

"I want you to have a little quiet supper with the Duke and myself. You will, won't you?"

Her manner was at once tender and seductive.

"Of course I will," he answered gratefully. All his foolish fears set at rest now that he knew that his chief had evidently desired his return, and that he had not come back merely to talk to Henrietta.

"That's all right," she touched his fingers lightly, almost caressingly, with her fan. "I mustn't talk to you now," she continued. "There are such heaps of people who want to say good-bye to me before they leave. Go and lose yourself somewhere—have a cigarette in the smoking-room. I'll send for you as soon as I've said good-bye to the world and his wife."

She laughed—her delicate, wonderful laugh—and swept away, and in a second was the centre of a brilliant group.

He made his way to the smoking-room, and found it untenanted.

Wonderfully carved Moorish shutters, inlaid with mother-of-pearl, screened the windows, and a huge divan, loaded with cushions, occupied the centre of the floor. A fountain tinkled away pleasantly in one corner, splashing into a marble basin, and small electric lamps with ruby shades were cunningly put into the hands of life-size bronze statues of Nubian slaves.

The whole room was vivid and bizarre in effect, and contrasted strangely with the other stately apartments of Berkshire House, but to have an Eastern smoking-room had been a whim of Henrietta's, and the Duke in this, as in other matters, had given his Duchess her own way.

The room reflected the woman, so Chester thought as he strode up and down, impatient to be summoned, for there was something very Oriental, very Eastern, in Henrietta's temperament. She was more crafty than most of her Western countrywomen, also the love of colour was almost a religion with her, and no sultana could have equalled the Duchess of Berkshire in the heavy scents she affected, nor her blazing jewels.

Time passed on. Chester heard the rumble of departing carriages growing fainter and fainter. There was less shouting of names, and at last a silence seemed to creep over the great house—the silence of slumber or death.

He expected every moment some lackey to enter the room, and tell him that the Duke and Duchess were waiting his advent, to commence this delightfully familiar supper, but no one came, and he began to wonder at last if Henrietta had forgotten that she had told him to go and wait in the smoking-room. Perhaps she was now supping with her husband, quite oblivious of the fact of having invited anyone to join them in the meal.

He waited a little longer, then made up his mind to find his way downstairs and slip quietly out of Berkshire House, leaving Henrietta to think what she liked of his departure; but just as he was about to carry this project into execution the Duchess's maid glided softly into the room.

She was a sly, slim-looking little woman with a freckled face and gleaming grey-green eyes—a creature who adored her mistress and was astonishingly faithful to her.

Her Grace is expecting you in the small morning-room, sir," she said softly. Her voice was almost over-soft, and it seemed as if she had been trained never to speak above a whisper.

Chester nodded his head; then followed the young woman downstairs.

The big house was being shut up against the dawn. Tired servants cast a curious glance at him as he passed them by—or so, at least, he fancied; also he wondered what the maid thought.

But Sara Greener crept on ahead with quiet, almost noiseless step, and what thoughts she had were not reflected in her face.

She opened the door of the little morning-room leading out of the hall, ushered Chester in, then discreetly retired.

There was a small table laid for supper, a table dazzling with its wealth of flowers, its silver, its glass.

Henrietta stood by the side leaning one hand on the back of her chair, and she smiled as Chester entered.

But the man didn't smile; he frowned. For he and Henrietta were alone in the room.

(To be continued.)

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## AMERICAN RAILS RELAPSE.

The Foreign Railway group was not so cheerful. Ever since the news came out of the heavy increases in working expenses shown by some of the Argentine railways, there has been a considerable feeling of depression, and buyers have not come so readily forward, while no doubt the stale speculative account in Argentine Rails is sufficiently large. Anyway, whatever the cause, that group is dull, and with the general political uncertainty, dullness also was reported in connection with other Foreign Railway sections.

## FOREIGN STOCKS DEPRESSED.

It is wonderful how ingenuity tries to explain away the fact of the coming-large appropriations out-of-revenue for rolling stock. It seems to require Canadian Rails or Hudson's Bays to call forth all the wisdom of the market wire-puller. The enterprising Yankee and his splitting schemes are well known in the matter of Hudson's Bays, and are to the front again, but do not seem to help prices.

As regards Foreigners, the Algeciras news is good enough, but whether due to our own Natal news or to the acknowledged imminence of the big Russian loan immediately Morocco is out of the way, there is depression in the leading foreign stocks.

Where there has been decided speculation, as, for instance, in Provincial Cédulas, the tone to-day was rather particularly weak.

MEUX DISPUTE OVER.

The new capital of the Santa Fé Lands Company, although not so large as had been expected, caused the Argentine land group to be dull. People are pointing out that at the inflated prices of land in Argentina it would seem to be rather the time to sell land than to acquire it. To-morrow is, of course, a very interesting day for the nitrate share market. It will settle the fate of the nitrate combination for the time being, and it seems likely, judging from the dull tone, that the combination will not be renewed.

There is a belief that the insurance companies are doing very well just now, and so there is a tendency to buy the shares. The brewery group had the Ind Coope and Meux brewery meetings to interest them to-day. The Meux dispute seems to be over, and Ind Coope prospects were discussed more favourably, while the liquidator of Thomas Salt and Co., the Burton brewers, states that satisfactory progress has been made with the amalgamation, but that it is not quite completed.

## ILLNESS OF MR. FRED HORNER.

The Official Receiver's application that Mr. F. W. Horner, ex-M.P. for North Lambeth, be adjudged a bankrupt, was adjourned yesterday, on the ground of Mr. Horner's illness.



How a family kept up the fun of the first of April, in the good old style, told in pictures by Hilda Cowham.

GIRL-SMOKER IN A HANSOM.

Quite a Sensation Created in the Strand by an  
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Happily we have left behind us the foolish prudery of twenty years ago, when ladies who took a ride in a hansom cab, even when it was raining, were regarded as being distinctly "fast."

But no doubt many will sympathise with the exclamation of horror which came from an old lady on the top of an omnibus in the Strand yesterday, when she saw in a hansom cab a pretty member of her own sex—but a very much younger one—smoking a cigarette with evident appreciation.

A block in the traffic kept the disconcerting "hussy"—the old lady spoke the word quite loudly—in sight for some minutes, and rather more than a languid interest was excited on the omnibus tops round about. The young lady in the cab was wonderfully calm through it all. But the old lady on the omnibus top was obviously relieved when the cab moved on.

## NEW HEAD OF ARMY NURSES.

Miss C. H. Keer, After Twenty Years' Service, Is  
Made Army Matron-in-Chief at the War Office.

Miss C. H. Keer, R.R.C., has been appointed to succeed Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., as Matron-in-Chief at the War Office.

Miss Keer, who takes up her duties on Wednesday next, has seen nearly twenty years' service, having joined the Army in December, 1887.

Her duties will consist of superintending the whole of the hospital and nursing arrangements of the Imperial Army, with the exception of the Indian Army.

"I was trained in America, in the City Hospital, Boston," Miss Keer told the *Daily Mirror* at Victoria-street, yesterday, "though, of course, I am not an American."

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## CONTEST IN NUMBERS AND MERIT.

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## THREE GIRLS AND ONE BOY.

The picture that represented the Japanese doll was the most successful competition as regards numbers of entries and success in colouring that we have so far achieved. Our artist is very proud indeed of the number of competitors who entered for the prizes, and the excellence of their work, and I join with him in congratulations to all concerned.

The first prize of 5s. is awarded to Pauline A. Dewey, aged nine, 50, Raleigh-road, Hornsey, N., whose doll wears an Oriental green and crimson robe edged with green satin and belted with the same material, and, furthermore, very prettily garnished with lines of gold paint.

Elita Sachse, ten years of age, Annandale House, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, is the winner of the second prize of half a crown, which will please her very much, as she tells me that she has not tried for the last two or three prizes because she did not get one for the other pictures for which she made

me that Reggie, though seven years of age, is only now in his first three months' schooling, as he has always been a delicate boy. But since he was two years of age he has amused himself with a box of paints, and has, amongst other forms of recreation, copied fashion drawings. Perhaps when Reggie is older he will become a famous artist; certainly, his picture gives every promise.

This week's picture, as will be perceived, is one of the cutting-out kind, chosen by our artist because he thinks it is always well to have a change. The usual prizes are offered, namely, one of 5s. and three of 2s. 6d. each, and competitors should send in their contributions addressed to the Children's Corner, *Daily Mirror*, 12, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C., up till the first post on Wednesday morning, April 4.

## A GIRL'S CHOICE.

LIKES A SERIOUS LOVER, BUT LOOKS DO NOT MATTER.

What kind of lover takes a girl's fancy? It is not so very hard to tell. Looks have not much to do with it unless the girl is very young or very silly, and her heart is not touched at all. Appearance appeals much less to a woman than to a man in



Particulars of the above pieces, which, when cut out and pasted together, will form a picture, are given in the adjacent letterpress.

attempts, and so felt a little disheartened. This time, however, having "tried her very best," as she puts it, she very properly reaps the reward of her industry.

The third prize of half a crown goes to a boy who is twelve years old, Mark Rowe, Thornleigh, 44, Prospect-park, Exeter, whose picture is artistically mounted on brown paper, and the fourth of 2s. 6d. to Dorothy Newnham, aged eleven, Blenheim, Beresford-road, Boscombe Park. Dorothy has spent much time upon the wall-paper that forms the background of the Japanese doll picture, which she represents covered with a pattern of gold leaves.

Honourable mentions are awarded to Elsie M. Woodroff, aged ten, Oak Lea, Westcliff-avenue, Westcliff; Violet Morgan, aged nine, 34, Colville-square-mansions, Notting Hill, W.; Rita Hall, aged eight, 2, Plymouth-road, Penarth; Dorothy May Smith Wright, 9, Exeter-road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham, eleven years of age; Doris Mitchell, aged fourteen, 2, Nelson-villas, Canada-grove, Bognor; and Reggie Tomkins, aged seven, Victoria Hotel, Bournemouth, Ipswich.

Doris writes to tell me that she has competed three times for one of our painting prizes and has not succeeded in getting one yet, but as she intends to persevere until she does I am sure she will be successful in time. As we all know, practice makes perfect. Doris has a great many home lessons to do because she is going in for an examination, so she has not much time to bestow upon our pictures.

I wish her every success in the examination, and I think painting the pictures, or pasting together those that are like the one shown on this page to-day, will prove a very pleasant recreation for her, and help her to go back with a greater zest than ever to the preparation of her lessons.

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for man the Arsenal forwards, if not quite as pretty in their methods, have recently proved their undoubted skill. Taking everything into consideration, and especially the courage of the Reds, born of success in their late contests, I may have no hesitation in plumping for Woolwich Arsenal to win. Perhaps, however, the wish is father to the thought.

Vivian Woodward's reappearance for the "Spurs" is the great personal event in the Southern League to-day. His absence from the Tottenham side since he was crippled in the Birmingham Cup tie has been irreparable, and his injuries have cost him three caps. Tottenham have fallen too far away now to be interested in the actual first place; but the match with Southampton next month may have some bearing on the Fulham and Southampton duel. Fulham are at Upton Park to-day, and they will find West Ham United a quick and clever side, and not afraid of making a shot at goal. Southampton, too, have a stiff game with their old opponents of Portsmouth, in West London. Brentford v. Luton is an attractive fixture, for Luton are making a bold bid for place honours.

The Old Boys hold high festival at Queen's Club for the decision of the Arthur Dunn Cup final tie. Charterhouse and Repton are the schools engaged, as they were last year, and I suppose the Charterhouse will again win. Repton as a quick, steady side, but no amateurs play with quite the "devil" and resource of Charterhouse. Those who have developed the game on the Godalming heights play pure football, and in all sorts of weather, and on any ground have a splendid genius for keeping the ball down and under control. And so I expect to see Charterhouse repeat their victory of last year with a more substantial score than 2 goals to none.

So far as public interest goes, Rugby is virtually dead for the season. Of course, the ultra-enthusiasts follow the game to its bitter end. Blackheath's fixture on the Rectory Field with Northampton, the London Workmen's visit to Newport, the final for the Midland Cup, and Cardiff's game with Gloucester will all command considerable patronage.

### FOOTBALL FOR CHARITY.

Liverpool and Corinthians To Meet at Fulham for Sheriff's Shield.

Mr. W. H. Hewitt, the honorary secretary of the Sheriff of London Football Charity Shield, writes that it is now practically settled that the match for the above trophy between amateurs and professionals will be played on Saturday, April 28, next, between the Corinthians and Liverpool, on the Fulham football ground, the week after the final tie of the Football Association Cup.

Mr. Pat Harrower, who referred in the final of the Cup last year, will be the official in charge.

There will probably be a very large gate, in view of the extraordinary success of both teams, and should Liverpool win the F.A. Cup as well as retaining top of the League, it should add materially to the funds distributed to charity.

It will be a tussle of giants, as the Corinthians, who will return from their tour in Holland on the 22nd prox., have one of the best eleven to represent the club in recent years.

Mr. Hewitt has asked us to specially mention the very generous and sportsmanlike manner in which he has been met by professional organisations, the Liverpool Football Club having agreed to play for no guarantee,

and the directors of the Fulham Football Club have also given their ground in aid of charity.

Many prominent people have promised to attend, and Sir William Treloar has kindly agreed to join the committee of the charity, in the place of the late Sir Reginald Huxton, who was always such a great supporter of athletic sport and charity.

### TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

#### ASSOCIATION.

F.A. CUP.—Semi-Finals.  
Stoke: Woolwich Arsenal v. Newcastle United.  
Birmingham: Everton v. Liverpool.

SCOTTISH CUP.—Semi-Finals.  
Glasgow: Port Glasgow Athletic v. Heart of Midlothian.  
Glasgow: St. Mirren v. Third Lanark.

DUNN CUP.—Final Tie.  
Queen's Club: Old Reptonians v. Old Carthusians.  
Hospital: Saturday Cup.—Semi-Final.  
Memorial Grounds, West Ham: Alexandra Park v. Limehouse.

THE LEAGUE.—Division I.  
Blackburn R. v. Sheffield W.  
Bolton W. v. Manchester C.  
Notts O. v. Middlesbrough.

Division II.  
Blackpool v. Lincoln City.  
Bradford City v. Hull City.  
Bristol City v. Clapton O.  
Chester v. Leeds City.  
Gainsborough T. v. Burnley.  
Glossop v. Burnley F.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.  
Norwich City v. Millwall.  
Plymouth A. v. Swindon.  
Southampton v. Portsmouth.  
Reading v. New Brompton.  
Watford v. Bristol Rovers.

Division III.  
Portsmouth R. v. Southampton.  
Southern U. v. Reading R.  
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### A DARK BLUE TRIAL.

Oxford Compare Unfavourably with the Cantabs in Their Course Row.

Oxford rowed the full course from Putney to Mortlake yesterday afternoon, but in utterly different conditions to those which prevailed when the Light Blues went over on Thursday, so that it is impossible to compare the times. But in other respects the results favoured the Cantabs.

At the outset of each trial the crews had scratch combinations with them, and when Cambridge rowed away from a Leader eight in a minute, Oxford took 2min. 50sec. to give a third of a length's start and a half-length beating to a London crew, stroked by J. Hay-Currie.

Again, at the end of the journey, Cambridge gave a Thames crew a start and a length's beating in four minutes, while a strongst Leader took on the Dark Blues above Thornycroft's and were only half a length to the University after five minutes' punting. Again, while the Light Blues rowed through rutted water, with a fine catch and swing, and like good watermen, the Oxonian craft rolled a good deal in the smooth river, which they had for practically all the way, and here always appeared to be a want of life about the work.

Oxford used their old boat in the morning's easy exercise, and again for the course, getting about for this latter at twenty minutes to five. The wind, what there was of it, had veered round from the north to the south-west, so that matters were much milder, and generally more genial.

The University eight rowed thirty-seven in the first minute and thirty-four in the second, afterwards dropping to thirty. They beat the Steps in 2min. 50sec., the Mile in 4min. 40sec., and Hammersmith Bridge in 5min. 35sec.

Some tugs and barges going slowly up at Chiswick bothered the coxswain, not only giving the racing craft its one spell of bump, but causing him to lose a few seconds above the church, which was passed in 13min. 28sec.

The time to Barnes Bridge was 17min. 58sec., and for the full course 21min. 15sec., which should have been faster.

Cambridge did very little in their two outings beyond a burst of eighteen strokes in half a minute in the morning and one of thirty-five in a full minute in the afternoon. Both crews will be out twice to-day.

### TO-DAY'S ATHLETIC FIXTURES.

Croydon: Surrey Club's walking race.  
Edinburgh: Scottish A.A.A. ten miles championship.  
Dublin: Irish senior cross-country championship.  
Chislehurst: Herne Hill Harriers' handicaps.  
Brighton: Brighton and County Harriers' ten miles championship.  
Blackheath: Blackheath Harriers' five miles handicap.  
West Hampstead: Wigmore Harriers' walking handicap.

The King has presented a silver cup, of the value of 25 sovs., to be competed for in a light-weight steeplechase, and the Prince of Wales one of a similar value, to be run for in a welter weight steeplechase, at the West Norfolk Hunt Club Steeplechase, at Fakenham, on Easter Monday.

### CYCLING CLUB RUNS.

Opening Trips of London's Important Wheel Bodies.

With to-day's opening runs practically the whole of the clubs within the metropolitan area have commenced what promises to be a very active season. The future-lasts, together with the annual reports, show that the clubman is every bit as popular as it has been in the past, despite the presence of motor-cars on the favourite highways.

The Annerley have a special run this afternoon to Blechingley, and in this instance the club will be piloted by H. D. Buck, the well-known champion path-rider, and himself an Annerley boy. The meeting-place is Purley Common.

Stanley are riding to St. Albans, meeting at Finchley at four o'clock, and wheeling by way of Barnet Gate and Shenley. They will be extended to Tring this evening. The Cafford opening run was to have taken place to-day, but it has been postponed to Saturday next, when the coming-of-age celebrations will be held at Catterham.

Sevenage is the destination of the Polytechnic, who still assemble at Tolly Ho Corner, and ride via Barnet, Potter's Bar, Hatfield, and Welwyn, thence through Woolmer Green and Broadwater, Finchbury Park are riding to Esendon, meeting at Church End, Finchley. Beacmont will run to Waltham Abbey, Hilditch to Hertford, Surrey Wheelers to Ewell, Southern to Cobham, Kingsdale to Ridge Hill, British Rammers to Esher, Fulham to Richmond, Silverdale to Blechingley, Unity to Radlett, Grove to West Wickham, and University to Abingdon. The northern division of the Daily Press are wheeling to Ongar, and the southern portion to Leatherhead.

### TO-DAY'S HOCKEY.

The last international hockey match of the season will be decided at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, this afternoon, when England and Scotland will meet for the fourth time. The number of spectators is expected to be large, and the game for the season, and others will do so to-day. Amongst the fixtures are the following: Staines v. Beckenham, at Staines; Leamington Park v. Sunbirt, at Abbey Wood; Willesden and Harrow v. Bromley, at Richmond; Molesey v. East Sheen, at Hampton Court; Ealing v. Hampstead, at Ealing; Fulham v. Merton Hill, at Sidcup; Blackheath v. Hawks, at Blackheath; West Herts v. Richmond, at Watford; and Norwood v. Tulse Hill, at Bickley.

Yesterday's billiards scores were: At Soho-square, Cook, 7,327; Weiss, 7,338. At Leicester-square, Dawson, 15,934; Harverson, 15,621.

The "Spurs" team to oppose Northampton, at Northampton, to-day will be—Eggett; Watson; Tait; Morris; Bull; Hughes; Shackleton; Chapman, V. J. Woodward, Beasley, and Whymann.

The M.C.C. commenced the fifth and last Test match with South Africa at Newlands yesterday, states Reuter. Batting first, the Englishmen were dismissed for 157, Crawford made 74, Fane 30, and Warner 0. As the close South Africa had lost four wickets for 87 runs.

The F.A. Council meeting on Monday next at High Holborn promises to be exceptionally interesting. There will be the reports from several commissions, particularly that which has been hearing the case of Willie Meredith and the Manchester City Club.

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